



# IDAHO CROP WEATHER



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## Harvest Season Nearly Complete

### Agricultural Summary

Harvest activities for potatoes and the fourth cutting of alfalfa hay is nearly complete, while sugarbeets, corn for grain and apples continue to be harvested. For the week ending October 27, major agricultural activities included irrigating, caring for livestock, harvesting hay, apples, potatoes, corn for grain, sugarbeets, and winter wheat seeding.

### Field Crop Report

Statewide, winter wheat seeding is nearly complete with only minor acreage left to seed, ahead of last year and the five year average. Most winter wheat has been planted in dry soil due to the lack of moisture this fall. Sugarbeet harvest in Eastern Idaho is progressing rapidly ahead of normal.

### Livestock, Pasture and Range Report

Ranchers throughout the state continued to pregnancy check, wean, vaccinate and market livestock. Most livestock continue to graze on fall pastures. Range and pasture condition showed no improvement from the previous week and remains mostly poor.

### Soil Moisture and Days Suitable for Fieldwork

County Extension Educators reported topsoil moisture to be 33% very short, 48% short, and 19% adequate. Statewide, Idaho farmers had an average of 6.70 days suitable for fieldwork during the past week.

### Crop Progress Table

Percentages	2003	2002	Avg.
Apples Harvested	81	84	79
Field Corn Harvested for Grain	50	19	33
Alfalfa Hay 4 <sup>th</sup> Cutting Harvested	97	93	89

### Condition Table

Percentages	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Irr. Water Supply	27	13	29	30	1
Range & Pasture	14	48	35	3	0
Winter Wheat	1	8	46	43	2

### Crop Progress District Table

Crop	North			Southwest			Southcentral			East			State		
	2003	2002	Avg	2003	2002	Avg	2003	2002	Avg	2003	2002	Avg	2003	2002	Avg
Winter Wheat															
Planted . . . . .	99	99	98	93	98	77	100	99	96	99	96	96	99	98	95
Emerged . . . . .	35	29	46	77	92	46	85	92	74	72	62	75	58	55	60
Potatoes															
Harvested. . . . .	NA	NA	NA	100	100	96	97	99	95	98	97	98	98	97	97
Sugarbeets															
Harvested . . . . .	NA	NA	NA	31	60	40	45	46	65	82	66	77	49	52	62

Avg (1998-2002); NA = Very Small Percentage of Acreage in District.

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## Weather Data For The Week Ending Sunday, October 26, 2003 <sup>1/</sup>

Station	Temperature <sup>2/</sup>				Growing Degree Days <sup>4/</sup>			Precipitation (Inches)				
	High	Low	Ave.	Dept. <sup>3/</sup>	40 Base	50 Base		Total	Dept <sup>3/</sup>	Month of October	March 1	
						To Date	Normal				To Date	Normal
<b>North</b>												
Coeur D'Alene	75	27	54	9	4306	2366	1853	0.55	0.35	1.21	9.12	14.12
Grangeville	79	27	56	11	4081	2224	1458	0.00	-0.35	0.43	14.67	17.00
Lewiston	83	32	57	8	5446	3306	2787	0.00	-0.21	0.28	8.57	7.72
Sand Point	74	26	54	11	3918	2045	1451	0.95	0.31	2.58	16.30	16.26
<b>Southwest</b>												
Boise	84	31	58	9	5708	3590	2626	0.01	-0.19	0.01	5.11	6.61
Caldwell	81	30	57	8	5486	3339	2914	0.00	-0.18	0.00	2.27	5.59
Emmett	82	33	59	10	5396	3313	2603	0.00	-0.22	0.09	5.70	6.57
Mountain Home	84	32	56	8	5577	3526	2570	0.00	-0.18	0.00	4.73	5.50
Parma	85	35	59	13	5540	3378	2429	0.00	-0.19	0.17	4.19	6.17
Weiser	81	35	58	12	5772	3588	2461	0.00	-0.15	0.00	5.24	5.52
<b>Southcentral</b>												
Buhl 5/	--	--	--	--	4931	2923	2111	0.00	-0.18	0.00	3.96	5.62
Burley	84	22	52	6	4394	2476	1988	0.00	-0.16	0.01	6.19	5.81
Hill City	80	15	51	9	3580	1898	1312	0.00	-0.21	0.10	4.82	6.50
Hagerman 5/	--	--	--	--	5441	3295	2688	0.00	-0.23	0.00	3.64	5.06
Malta	84	21	56	8	4751	2751	1827	0.00	-0.07	0.03	5.83	6.22
Twin Falls	84	25	56	10	4546	2615	1885	0.00	-0.18	0.63	10.15	6.00
<b>East</b>												
Aberdeen 5/	63	23	--	--	3967	2164	1600	0.00	-0.18	0.00	3.28	6.26
Grace 5/	80	32	--	--	3957	2219	1410	0.00	-0.25	0.00	5.96	10.69
Idaho Falls	79	17	48	6	3893	2090	1708	0.00	-0.17	0.00	4.10	7.30
Malad City	85	23	56	12	4400	2522	1876	0.00	-0.24	0.00	5.61	9.71
Pocatello	83	16	51	5	4368	2508	1976	0.00	-0.21	0.00	4.07	7.76
Rexburg	77	16	50	8	3950	2127	1576	0.00	-0.18	0.08	4.30	9.05
Salmon	79	19	50	7	4091	2243	1720	0.00	-0.12	0.01	0.68	7.59

1/ Weekly summary provided by the Western Regional Climate Center with data reported by the National Weather Service. When data is quality controlled by the National Climate Center the accumulated growing degree days and precipitation values are updated. 2/-- indicate missing or incomplete data. 3/ Weekly departure from normal. 4/ Totals from March 1. Growing degree days are estimated from neighboring sites for stations with missing or incomplete data. 5/ Precipitation totals are only for days reports were received, no estimates were made for missing data.

## Daily High/Low Four Inch Soil Temperatures

Station	Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday		Saturday		Sunday		Average <sup>1/</sup>	
	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low
Emmett	77	59	67	60	70	61	69	61	66	56	62	54	--	--	69	59
Parma	57	56	57	57	57	57	--	--	56	55	--	--	--	--	57	56
Sandpoint	52	47	53	50	60	53	59	53	53	43	--	--	--	--	55	49
Twin Falls	58	46	60	47	59	46	60	48	54	45	52	42	--	--	57	46

1/ Averages are only for days reports were received. -- Missing or Incomplete Data.